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## WRITERS' GUILD HAS INCREASED IN MANY WAYS

Organization Started With 25 Members but Has More Than 100 Now—7th Annual Affair.

### 44 ATTENDED MEETING

Miss Shirley L. Seifert Gives Three Rules for Writing—Several Other Speakers Talk.

With forty-four members present, the largest attendance in its history, the Missouri Writers' Guild opened its seventh annual convention this morning at 9 o'clock in the auditorium of Jay H. Neff Hall. Attendance at former conventions has been from twenty to thirty.

During the six years since the first meeting, it was announced, the guild has grown from 25 members to more than 100. In the last year 29 new members have been added, of whom 18 are active members, 10 associate members, and 1 as honorary member. Eighty active members, 36 associate members and eleven honorary members make up the roll of the organization.

After the reading of a report on the annual fall outing in the Ozarks, Louis Dodge, noted St. Louis novelist and poet, spoke on "Titles." He urged the choosing of titles which fit the stories, rather than titles of a superficial brilliancy, which will disappoint the reader when he reads the story. Selecting the title before writing the story adds clearness to thought, he believes.

Arthur A. Jeffrey, agricultural editor of the University, spoke on "The Man Behind the Check." He should remember, he said, that the editor is a busy man, who hasn't time to read long letters telling him why he should accept one's manuscript. The worst offense is to impose on an editor's time. Again, the editor is an optimist, who is not looking for better, querulous writing. Even in writing about undertakers, Mr. Jeffrey put enough optimism in his articles that they were in demand. Editors, too, are



cautious, demanding reliability from their authors. But if one does not make him a nuisance he will find editors quite friendly, and even hungering for companionship and praise.

Speaking on "Live Stories," Miss Shirley L. Seifert, who has risen to national fame as a writer in two years, told some of the rules which have guided her success. "I found," she said, "that I had sold more in the first five months of 1921 than in the preceding two years. I tried to find out why."

She urged writers to follow three rules. First, always maintain a single point in view. In an 8,000 word story one cannot afford to start more than one thread of interest, lest there be nothing but a tangle when the story is ended. Second, before beginning to write, decide just what impression you wish to make, and then write with that impression in mind. Third, expurgate all your pet conversations and bits of philosophy which are extraneous to the story. You can save



them for a story where they will fit. Marshal all your events toward a definite climax.

"I never write a story," said Miss Seifert, "except for the joy of writing a good story. I never write with a magazine or an editor in mind. If it's a good story, someone will want it; and it's a great deal more pleasure, and a great deal more to yourself and your readers, than doing up the policy of some magazine and then writing to fit that policy. The only real rule for success is the desire to do fine work."

Dale M. Brown, of St. Joseph, said that he would never have stuck to the literary game if it hadn't been for the bumps. Whenever an editor seemed to say, "You can't get into my magazine,"

## WRITERS' PRESIDENT.



Hugh F. Grinstead, of Columbia, who presided at today's meeting of the Missouri Writers' Guild, which opened Journalism Week.

he replied, "I'm going to get in." Mr. Brown sold his first and second stories, and his first novel. Then came a long series of rejection slips, which finally led him to spend a year trying to imitate other writers and develop style. After that year, he said, he was beginning to learn to write. "Now I'm very nearly



ready to begin to write something worth while. But I always want to feel the bumps in the road. Ahead of each bump is a little better road."

J. Breckenridge Ellis read from his literary diary the history of a manuscript written by him in 1902. After seventeen trips to various publishers, lasting from 1902 to 1920, it was accepted. Later the moving picture rights were sold. The film has been shown in Hongkong, Nome, Alaska, and C. A. A. but in France. From the vicissitudes and final success of this novel, Mr. Ellis drew the moral "Keep hoping."

Frank C. Reigher of Chicago recited a number of his children's poems, together with a few for mature readers. Among them was "Do Your Best," which hangs in the office of the President of the United States in Mr. Reigher's own handwriting. "I don't believe," the speaker said, "in writing a poem or a story which doesn't have an underlying thought, which you will ponder after reading."

A picture of the members of the guild was taken just west of Jay H. Neff Hall after the adjournment of the morning session.

## GUILD BRANCHES ORGANIZED

Mrs. Ruby Westlake Freudenberger, Secretary, Tells of Year.

"The outstanding feature of the past year's guild history has been organization of the guild members of St. Louis and of St. Joseph into active local branches," said Mrs. Ruby Westlake Freudenberger, secretary of the Missouri Writers' Guild, in opening her report at the first meeting of the guild this morning in Jay H. Neff Hall.

"The St. Louis branch has twenty-seven members and meets monthly at the homes of the members. The officers are President, Miss Shirley L. Seifert; secretary-treasurer, R. E. Mooney."

"The St. Joseph branch has nine members who are actively engaged in almost every line of literary work, and meets the first Monday of every month. The officers are: President, Mrs. Louise Platt Hauck; vice-president, Miss Mary A. Owen; secretary-treasurer, Wall Galaher; publicity agent, Frederick C. Davis.

"There has been an addition of twenty-nine new members," continued Mrs. Freudenberger in her report, "eighteen of whom are active, ten associate and one honorary member. J. West Goodwin of Sedalia. Five have been dropped at their own request and one, Champ Clark, was lost by death. The entire membership at present is 127, of which number 80 are active, 36 associate and 11 honorary members.

"The annual outing, which was held October 2 to 9 in the Osage Hills on the banks of the Gascony River, had the largest attendance of any in the history of the guild. Columbia had the largest group of any city in the state. The purpose was to afford a pastime for writers.

"The year's record shows members of the Missouri Writers' Guild appearing in such standard publications as Harper's, Scribner's, the American, Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Green Book, Red Book, Munsey, Youth's Companion and many of the Street & Smith publications. In addition to this many have published books this year, novels, technical works and general information," concluded Mrs. Freudenberger.

## BOONE COUNTY BAPTIST WEEK MAY 25 TO 30

Meetings Will Be Held at Every Church in Association—Two Rallies.

### SEVENTEEN GATHERINGS

E. L. Painter, Enlistment Worker, Is in Charge, and Will Be Assisted by State Workers.

Launching of an educational campaign among the Baptist churches of Boone County beginning May 25 and continuing through May 30 will be marked by simultaneous meetings in five county churches Wednesday night.

Under the direction of E. L. Painter, enlistment worker for Boone County Baptist churches, groups of speakers will go out Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights to discuss problems of church work. Sunday school, B. Y. P. U., and Women's missionary work will comprise the programs at the several county churches. The purpose of the campaign is wholly educational and no collections or funds will be solicited.

On Sunday night, May 29, a rally meeting will be held in Ashland, followed by a similar meeting at Columbia on Monday night, May 30. At these meetings state workers will address the gatherings.

The itinerary for Wednesday night meetings which begin at 8 o'clock, is as follows:

Centralia—Prof. B. F. Hoffman, Church Problems; Miss Elma Elam, W. M. U.; Miss Jessie Burrall, Sunday School; Gilbert James, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. W. A. Simmons, pastor of the Centralia church, presiding.

New Providence—E. W. Stephens, Church Problems; Mrs. H. O. Severance, W. M. U.; Mrs. J. E. Thornton, Sunday School; Miss Hazel Hoffman, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. Sam Frank Taylor, pastor, presiding.

Hallsville—Rev. C. C. Hatcher, Church Problems; Mrs. Viola Talbot, W. M. U.; Dr. Minnie Floyd, Sunday School; Carl C. Gentry, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. G. W. Hatcher, pastor, introducing speakers.

Bethel—Rev. E. L. Painter, Church Problems; Mrs. W. M. Tipton, W. M. U.; Miss Julia Sampson, Sunday School; Miss Fannie Edwards, B. Y. P. U.

Hinton—Mr. H. O. Severance, Church Problems; Mrs. W. E. Harsh, W. M. U.; Haywood Foreman, B. Y. P. U.; Roy T. Davis, Sunday School; Rev. H. P. Cheavens, pastor, presiding.

The Thursday night program, including a meeting at Sturgeon, which has been arranged by the local church, provides for the following addresses: McBain—Rev. Sam Frank Taylor, Church Problems; Miss Elma Elam, W. M. U.; Roy Davis, Sunday School; Miss Hazel Hoffman, B. Y. P. U.; H. P. Cheavens, pastor, presiding.

Barges Chapel—Rev. S. S. Keith, Church Problems; Mrs. H. O. Severance, W. M. U.; Prof. Roy Ivan Johnson, Sunday School; Haywood Foreman, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. J. S. Denton, pastor, presiding.

Huntsdale—J. D. Haigh, Church Problems; Mrs. T. J. Rodhouse, W. M. U.; H. G. Harper, Sunday School; Miss Viola Talbot, B. Y. P. U.; W. G. Hatcher, pastor, presiding.

Little Bonne Femme—Rev. E. L. Painter, Church Problems; Miss Minnie Morris, W. M. U.; Prof. B. F. Hoffman, Sunday School; Miss Fannie Edwards, B. Y. P. U.; Rev. Sam Frank Taylor, pastor, presiding.

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Nashville—Rev. E. L. Painter, Church Problems; Miss Elma Elam, W. M. U.; Roy T. Davis, Sunday School; Haywood Foreman, B. Y. P. U.

Prairie Grove—Rev. G. W. Hatcher, Church Problems; Mrs. W. E. Harsh, W. M. U.; E. W. Stephens, Sunday School; Miss Hazel Hoffman, B. Y. P. U.

Mount Pleasant—Prof. B. F. Hoffman, Church Problems; Mrs. Minnie Morris, W. M. U.; Dr. Minnie Floyd, Sunday School; Fred Dixon, B. Y. P. U.

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Makes Sixth Hole in One.

The thrill that comes once in a lifetime to a golfer was experienced by Eddie Royster yesterday afternoon when he made the sixth hole in one stroke, or speaking in golf terms, an eagle. Royster was playing with F. D. McDonald and F. G. Foster at the time the shot was made. This is the second time that this hole has been made in one. Prof. J. D. Eliff made the hole in one stroke last summer.

## Offer Summer Classes in Music.

It was announced Saturday that the Conservatory of Music of Stephens College will be open during the summer from June 7 to July 20. Classes in piano will be offered for primary, intermediate and advanced students.

## WRITERS' SECRETARY



Mrs. Ruby Westlake Freudenberger, of Columbia, writer of nature articles and fiction, has been a member of the Missouri Writers' Guild for two years. During the past year she has held the office of secretary-treasurer of this organization. In addition to this office she is president of the local League of Women Voters, vice-regent of D. A. R. and a board member of the American Association of University Women.

Mrs. Freudenberger is a native of Boone County and a graduate of the University. During the war she was an instructor in mathematics here.

## \$297 RECEIVED ON TAG SALE

This Amount Will Equip Two Playgrounds—Are to Open Soon.

The receipts from the sale of tags Saturday were \$297.13. This amount will equip two playgrounds, and launch playgrounds in Columbia without further financial help.

The first playground exercises will be from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Lee School. Miss Buefle believes the benches will be here by then. She has ordered equipment for the field school and as soon as it comes those grounds will also be opened.

Norma English collected the most tags of the girls, getting \$17.41, and Leon McDonald the most of the boys, getting \$16.33. The girls that got over \$10 in order of their amounts, were: Doris Cox, Mary Woods, Melba Carlson, Frances Trovill, Amelia Jiles, Goldie Carlet, Mildred Cassidy, and Grace Barnett. The boys in the same order were: Hugh Poins, Kerney Robertson, Joe Loomis, and Eugene Morris.

The other children who sold tags were: Leslie Carlos, Helen McLaughlin, Estelle Bradford, Mildred Craig, Josephine Eckley, Ruth Farley, Mildred Barnett, Anne Elizabeth McLaughlin, Margaret Lanham, Ellen Jane Hall, Gertrude Nowell, Mary Helen Morris, Grace Gaud, Nowell, Mary Helen Morris, Grace Barnett, Mary Reed, Mary Wright, Rumley, Mildred Rice, Lorraine Sutton, Levi Dixon, Stephens Simmons, Keith Todd, Jeanne Hibbard, Loren Christian, Mary Gordon Steenberger, Clifton Smith, Elizabeth Jones, Anderson Agre, Lewis Dorgan, Gray Driskill, Arthur Richardson, Harold Reed, Norris Betz, Margaret Beggs, Willie Crews, and Harold Bowman.

The largest single donation was a check for \$10 given by Horace Major, pastor, presiding.

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## THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair and continued warm tonight, becoming unsettled Tuesday, probably with thundershowers and cooler in the afternoon.

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## HONOR IS PAID NATION'S DEAD BY PRESIDENT

Harding Walks Before the Flag-Draped Coffins of 5,212 American Soldiers.

### NOT OF "TAPS" IS SAD

Battalion Presents Arms as Chief Executive Places Wreath on J. W. Geiger's Casket.

New York, May 23.—There was a review of the Nation's war dead by the President of the United States today. While the band played a funeral dirge, President Harding, with his hat off and his head bowed, walked between the rows of 5,212 rough caskets containing the bodies of American soldiers brought home from France.

The scene at the gloomy pier in Hoboken was impressive as the chief executive walked before the flag-draped coffins to the somber beat of the drums. "One hundred thousand sorrow are touching my own heart," he said in his eulogy. "And I hear their admonition ringing there—this must not happen again, this must not happen again."

After his speech he laid a wreath on the coffin of Joseph W. Geiger of Hart, Mich., a member of Company I, 126th Infantry, the first American killed on German soil.

As he laid the wreath on the coffin the sad notes of "taps" sounded and a battalion of the Twenty-second Infantry, which formed the guard of honor, snapped to "present arms."

## COURT FIXES COUNTY LEVIES

1921 Revenue, Road and Bridge Rates Are Lower Than Last Year's Figures.

The county levies for 1921 have been fixed by the County Court. The three items are: County revenue, 18 cents; county roads and bridges, 5 cents; special roads and bridges, 10 cents.

The levies last year were: County revenue, 40 cents; county roads and bridges, 10 cents; special roads and bridges, 25 cents.

The reductions are made because of the increased assessment this year.

## TO BUILD ELECTRIC LINE

Columbia to Be on Railway, Says Fayette Doctor.

Plans have been perfected, and as soon as the route through Jackson County has been surveyed, work will be started on the new Missouri Electric Short Line Railway, which will extend from Kansas City to St. Louis, according to a statement over long distance telephone by Dr. H. K. Givens of Fayette.

The railway will start in Kansas City and go through the towns of Independence, Marshall, Slater, Columbia, Fulton and on into St. Louis.

Kansas City capital is financing the proposition and it is not known definitely what the cost will be. Neither could it be ascertained from Doctor Givens when the road will be ready for traffic, but the work will go on as rapidly as possible under present labor conditions, he said.

## SELLING BANQUET TICKETS

Orders Still Being Received From General Public.

Requests for tickets to the Banquet of the Nationally Advertised, which closes the exercises of Journalism Week, were being filled today in the order of application.

A limited number of tickets still remain available to the general public. Applications should be mailed to Miss Emily Wisdom, secretary of the Journalism Banquet Committee, Room 101, Jay H. Neff Hall, giving the names of the persons for whom the tickets are purchased.

The tickets now being disposed of comprise the remnant of the allotment for Columbia. Other arrangements have been made for the distribution of tickets to Journalism Week visitors, which will take place Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 3 o'clock.

## LANDS TODAY AT NASHVILLE

B. Von Hoffmann, University Student, in National Ballroom Races.

Nashville, May 23.—B. Von Hoffmann and Hugo Mueller, ballroomists of the St. Louis Riverfront Club in the national races, were forced to land here today. Yesterday they landed at Carthage, Tenn.

Von Hoffmann is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

## Re-Elected on Society's Board.

Mrs. Anna Shepherd, 306 South Fifth street, was re-elected on the board of supreme managers of the Royal Neighbors of America in the convention which was held in Cleveland, O., last week. Mrs. and Mr. Shepherd returned from the convention to their home in Columbia Sunday.

## Journalism Week Program

Tonight.

6:30 P. M., Daniel Boone Tavern. Annual subscription banquet of the Missouri Writers Guild.

Tomorrow.

9 A. M., Jay H. Neff Hall.

"The What and Why of the Editorial," Irving Brant, chief editorial writer, St. Louis Star.

"Illustrations—And More Illustrations," Monte Crews, illustrator, Fayette.

"A Woman's Experience in Metropolitan Journalism," Miss Sara L. Lockwood, special writer, Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"The Making of the Column," Clark McAdams, special writer, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

2 P. M., Jay H. Neff Hall.

"Woman's Field in Rural Journalism," Miss Marguerite L. Reid, associate editor, The Advertiser, Fayette.

"Progress in Journalism," H. M. Pindell, publisher, The Journal, Peoria, Ill.

"Finding One's Self in the County Newspaper," C. T. Rand, editor, the Neshoba Democrat, Philadelphia, Miss.

"Assembling and Distributing the World's News," Karl A. Bickel, vice-president and general manager, United Press Associations, New York City.

"Some Experiences in Reporting Around the World," Frank H. King, The Associated Press, London.

"The Making of the Column," J. N. Stonebraker, The Express, Knoxville.

C. L. Ficklin, The Herald, Mayville.

J. P. Melton, The Republican, Boonville.

J. P. McElroy, Blanchard, La., "Sport's Cousin" in Atchison County (Missouri) Mail.

8 P. M., University Auditorium.

"Tendencies in Present Day Journalism," F. P. Glass, former president American Newspaper Publishers Association, Birmingham, Ala.

"The Romance of the Interview," Harry Hansen, literary editor, the Chicago Daily News.

Following this program, the Dana Press Club will give its annual smoker for all Journalism Week visitors at the clubhouse, 718 Maryland place.

## TRIALS OF WAR GUILTY TODAY

British Satisfied With Conduct of Court—Minor Cases Come First.

Leipzig, Germany, May 23.—The "little bit" of alleged German war guilt will go to trial here today.

Prominent English attorneys, headed by Sir Ernest Pollock, the solicitor-general, are here to press the charges. The defendants here are accused of cruelties to prisoners in the camps. Before the court convened at 10:30 o'clock this morning, the British and German attorneys conversed amicably over the narrow aisle, which the trial will be conducted.

The British said they were convinced that the Germans intended to reach a just decision in the case. The accused men are being treated as other prisoners would be, being held in jail where they are unable to provide proper bail. The representatives of the German state's attorney's office said they were sincere in their prosecution of the charges.

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## BILL TO RAISE TARIFF PASSED

President Harding Expected to Sign Measure Wilson Vetoes.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Congress finally passed the Emergency Tariff Bill today. The action necessary to send the bill to President Harding was taken in the House when he approved of the conference report adjusting the differences between the Senate and House over the measure. President Harding is expected to sign the bill.

The passage of the bill completes the first step of the Republican revenue tariff program. Today made the second time the bill passed Congress, it formerly being vetoed by President Wilson.

Former COLUMBIAN DIES

Sadie Wise Was Graduate of School of Journalism.

Miss Sadie Wise, a former Columbia girl and a graduate of the School of Journalism, died in Denver last Thursday after four months' illness of tuberculosis. She was the daughter of Henry Wise, a former resident of Columbia.

Miss Wise was a student in both of the girls' colleges here besides being a graduate of the School of Journalism. She began her first journalism work in Joplin. From there she went to St. Louis and then to a place in the publicity department of Lasky Famous Players.

She suffered a nervous breakdown about a year ago and then became ill of influenza. The doctors advised her to take a vacation but she kept on with her work and soon contracted tuberculosis.

Miss Wise is survived by two sisters, Miss Adele Wise and Mrs. Harold Rich who were also students in the University. They were with her at the time of her death.

Boone County Couple Married.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Stephen Earl Thomas, 30, of Ashland and Naomi Blanche Wilson, 19, of Centralia. They were married this morning by the Rev. G. W. Hatcher at his residence here. Mr. Thomas is a blacksmith at Ashland.

C. Pollard Litter Returns.

A recent gift to the Center, who was graduated from the School of Journalism last month, has returned to Columbia for Journalism Week. On June 1 he goes to Benton, Ill., to work on a newspaper which will be started there.

## ALLIED CHIEFS DISAPPEAR AS SILESIA BOILS

Lloyd George and Briand Thought to Have Met Secretly to Discuss Their Differences.

### BRITISH SEND TROOPS

France to Hold Germany Responsible for Fighting Continues—Battle Is Raging.

LONDON, May 23.—Premier Briand of France and Lloyd George of Great Britain were not in their usual haunts yesterday and early today. Likewise the French ambassador to England and the English ambassador to France could not be found. Members of the foreign offices did not know where their chiefs were spending the week-end.

The mysterious absence of the four officials at the height of the Upper Silesian controversy has caused much speculation. With airplanes bringing London and Paris so close, it is believed that they have met on the French coast somewhere to attempt to settle their differences over the Upper Silesian trouble.

Four battalions of British soldiers will leave immediately for Upper Silesia, the war office announced officially today.

The men will be drawn from the troops along the Rhine. The battalions will augment the Allied forces in Silesia to preserve order until the result of the plebiscite is determined.

GERMANS FOUR INTO SILESIA

PARIS, May 23.—France will hold Germany responsible for the fighting in Upper Silesia, it was learned semi-officially here today. If the Allies do not ask a halt in the hostilities between the Poles and the Germans, the situation will become serious, it was stated.

Disregarding French protests, thousands of German volunteers are pouring into Upper Silesia, the foreign office declares. Free transportation is offered in some places to attract prospective fighters.

Heavy fighting is in progress around Katowice where three thousand German volunteers attacked Polish insurgents. The Poles had made Katowice their headquarters and encircled the city with troops.

Both sides are well armed.

## STATE ROAD IF WE GET BRIDGE

Judge Stewart Says Project Would Be Columbia's Greatest Asset.

The Old Trails route will never be named a primary cross-state highway in the event that the Booneville bridge project fails, is the opinion of Judge J. A. Stewart, a member of the local bridge committee.

"I would rather see the Old Trails route named as a state road than have an electric road between Kansas City and St. Louis," says Judge Stewart. "A hard-surfaced road would bring all towns along the line in close touch with Columbia, provide excellent transportation facilities for the farmer and bring a new volume of business here. Property owners and business men should be vitally interested in the bridge."

The Booneville bridge need not be considered primarily as a personal investment, although there is little doubt that it will pay good returns. The most essential point is the good it will do for Columbia, for it would be the biggest municipal asset we can ever hope for. It is our great opportunity."

## MRS. J. K. FYFER QUILTS

Will Not Be Principal of Elementary School Any Longer.

Mrs. J. K. Fyfer, who has been principal of the University Elementary School for the last four years, will not be there any longer. For the summer months Mrs. Fyfer will be an instructor in the industrial arts department of the University of Missouri.

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